

adherence to a top and convex side of a container without deformation and without wrinkling of a material of the protective member['s material, and without wrinkling].

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein indicia is applied to the protective members by printing.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the protective members are adhered to containers using adhesive.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 1 which further comprises imposing an anti-static chemical treatment on the protective member such that each one of the protective members will slide easily from [the] an adjoining member and not cling to it under high speed dispensing.

#### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002, which rejected claims 1 through 15. Reconsideration and reexamination of this Application as herewith amended is respectfully requested. A clean copy of the amended pages are enclosed.

Amendments to the specification as suggested by the Examiner have been made. Similarly, claim objections and rejections based on Section 112 of the statute have also been made in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected all claims on the basis of Sections 102 and 103 of the statute citing five references as well as what